

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
March 21, 2002
2:00PM
Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Mr. Staton, Mr. Martin, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Everson, Senator Giese, Dr. Gummerson, Mrs. Marlowe, Senator Matthews, Mr. McTeer, Mrs. Thompson, Representative Townsend, Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Spearman for Superintendent Tenenbaum

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Staton welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He acknowledged the presence of former EOC member, Henry Spann. The EOC noted that Mr. Martin had celebrated a landmark birthday.

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the January 17th meeting were approved as distributed.

III. **Subcommittee Reports**

A. **Academic Standards and Assessments:** Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee.

- (1) Report Card Issues and Recommendations - Mr. Wilson reviewed the Subcommittee report on changes to the annual school and district report card, including changes published on an addendum available at members' seats. Mrs. Thompson amended the language on the improvement incentive for historically underachieving groups of students. The changes, with Mrs. Thompson's amendment, were approved.
- (2) Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Criteria for High Schools - The criteria were approved as distributed.
- (3) Recommendations on High School Science Course Standards - The recommendations were approved as distributed. The State Department of Education's response was attached and the standards are likely to be presented for full approval at the April EOC meeting. Rep. Townsend asked several questions about the relationships among these standards, the high school end-of-course assessments, and the PACT Science assessments.
- (4) Response to EOC Recommendations on the Science Assessments - The State Department of Education response was accepted. Dr. Anderson indicated that the EOC staff is working with the SDE staff and other SC educators to develop common criteria for future assessment evaluations.
- (5) Quality Counts Report - Mr. Wilson explained Dr. Anderson's review of the Quality Counts ratings and SC's progress on the issues.

B. **EIA and Improvement Mechanisms:** Mr. Staton reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He reviewed materials detailing the House-passed General Appropriations Bill and the funding for accountability programs

C. **Parental Involvement:** Mrs. Thompson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee.

- (1) Survey on Chamber of Commerce and School District Interactions - She detailed the survey administered to school district personnel and education directors in local chambers of commerce.

- (2) Family Friendly Workplace Awards - The EOC is to be a participating agency in the 2003 awards program as it was this year.
- (3) Parent Survey - The parent survey to provide schools and district data on parental perceptions of the school has been completed. The survey results are to be printed on the annual school and district report card as well as used to inform activities under the Parental Involvement in Their Children's Education Act.

D. Public Awareness: Mr. Martin reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He reviewed the 2002 plan. The plan was approved by the EOC.

E. Staff and Administration: The Subcommittee had no report.

IV. **Special Report**

Dr. Gummerson reported on the results of the EOC/SBE Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review the accountability plans of the special schools. The report was accepted as written.

V. **General Discussion**

- A. Mr. Staton reminded members to reserve July 18 and 19 for the EOC retreat at Clemson.
- B. Mr. Staton thanked Rep. Townsend and other House members for their support of the governance legislation. He asked members for support as the Senate considers H4419 and H4421. He indicated that the Staff and Administration Subcommittee would follow legislation for the EOC.

VI. **Executive Session**

Mr. Martin moved that the EOC go into Executive Session to consider a contractual matter.

The EOC returned to open session.

Mr. Martin moved for approval of the third extension of the public awareness services contract with Chernoff/Silver and Associates. The contract extension was approved.

The EOC adjourned at 3:45 p.m.